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SUBJECT: MECHANICS FOR SIGNATURE COPIES OF TRADE AGREEMENT

- 1. THIS MESSAGE DESCRIBES DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON PREPARATION OF FINAL TEXTS OF TRADE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE ON ASSUMPTION A) THAT TEXT OF AGREEMENT WILL BE SETTLED DURING WASHINGTON ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND B) THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.
- 2. AS EMBASSY PROBABLY AWARE, COMMON INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE (REGULARLY FOLLOWED BY U.S.) IS TO PREPARE SIGNATURE COPIES OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN TWO COPIES, EACH COPY CONTAINING THE FULL TEXT IN BOTH LANGUAGES. ONE COPY IS PREPARED USING THE SPECIAL PAPER AND BINDING OF EACH PARTY; EACH PARTY RETAINS THE COPY PREPARED ON ITS PAPER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE EXACT COPY OF SIGNED TEXT TO TRANSMIT TO CONGRESS (AND TO EASE TYPING BURDEN ON EMBASSY), DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO TYPE THE TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTS IN WASHINGTON EARLY IN WEEK OF MARCH 7 PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO BUDAPEST. WE ASSUME THAT HUNGARIANS WOULD CONTEMPORANEOUSLY TYPE

THE TWO HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE TEXTS IN BUDAPEST.

- 4. LANGUAGE SERVICES HAS BEGUN INITIAL REVIEW OF HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE TEXT. WE WILL TRY TO CONFORM ANY INCONSISTENCIES IN TRANSLATION DURING NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK.
- 5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM WITH HUNGARIANS THAT THESE MECHANICAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE. IF GOH AGREES, DEPARTMENT WILL NEED A SUPPLY OF HUNGARIANS' SPECIAL AGREEMENT PAPER FOR TYPING HUNGARIAN COPY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT; HUNGARIAN DELEGATION MAY WISH TO BRING A SUPPLY ALONG. VANCE

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